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July 12, 2021

Larissa Pfleeger- Ritzman
Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe
PO Box 130
Tokeland, WA 98590

RE: Coverage under the Construction Stormwater General Permit

Permit number: WAR310464
Site Name: Ghost Dike Advanced Wetland Mitigation Project
Location: Site description provided
Tokeland County: Pacific
Disturbed Acres: 6.1

Dear Larissa Pfleeger- Ritzman:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received your Notice of Intent for coverage under Ecology's Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSWGP). This is your permit coverage letter. Your permit coverage is effective July 12, 2021.

Your proposal may be on Indian lands. In issuing this permit coverage, Ecology is not making any assertion regarding Clean Water Act jurisdiction in the area of this project. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has not delegated Clean Water Act Permitting authority to Washington State for Indian Country. The USEPA is the CWA permitting authority for projects located in Indian Country. It is the responsibility of the permit applicant to apply for coverage to the correct jurisdictional authority. Specifically the permit does not cover stormwater discharges on Indian Country land, as described in the Construction Stormwater General Permit, Special Condition S1.E.4:

Indian Country includes:

- a. All land within any Indian Reservation notwithstanding the issuance of any patent, and, including rights-of-way running through the reservation. This includes all federal, tribal, and Indian and non-Indian privately owned land within the reservation.

- b. All off-reservation Indian allotments, the Indian titles to which have not been extinguished, including rights-of-way running through the same.
- c. All off-reservation federal trust lands held for Native American Tribes.

Retain this letter as an official record of permit coverage for your site. You may keep your records in electronic format if you can easily access them from your construction site. You can get the CSWGP, permit forms, and other information at www.ecology.wa.gov/eCoverage-packet. Contact your Permit Administrator, listed below, if you want a copy of the CSWGP mailed to you. Please read the permit and contact Ecology if you have any questions.

Electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports (WQWebDMR)

This permit requires you to submit monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) for the full duration of permit coverage (from the first full month of coverage to termination). DMRs must be submitted electronically using Ecology's secure online system, WQWebDMR. To sign up for WQWebDMR go to www.ecology.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/paris/webdmr.html. If you have questions, contact the portal staff at (360) 407-7097 (Olympia area), or (800) 633-6193/option 3, or email WQWebPortal@ecy.wa.gov.

Appeal Process

You have a right to appeal coverage under the general permit to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB). Appeals must be filed within 30 days of the date of receipt of this letter. Any appeal is limited to the general permit's applicability or non-applicability to a specific discharger. The appeal process is governed by chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2). For more information regarding your right to appeal, go to <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/summarypages/1710007.html> to view Ecology's Focus Sheet: *Appeal of General Permit Coverage*.

Annual Permit Fees

RCW 90.48.465 requires Ecology to recover the costs of managing the permit program. Permit fees are invoiced annually until the permit is terminated. Termination conditions are described in the permit. For permit fee related questions, please contact the Water Quality Fee Unit at wqfee_unit@ecy.wa.gov or (800) 633-6193, Option 2.

Ecology Field Inspector Assistance

If you have questions regarding stormwater management at your construction site, please contact your Regional Inspector, Morgan Maupin of Ecology's Southwest Regional Office in Lacey at morgan.maupin@ecy.wa.gov, or (360) 407-7320.

Questions or Additional Information

Ecology is here to help. Please review our web page at www.ecology.wa.gov/constructionstormwaterpermit. If you have questions about the Construction

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Stormwater General Permit, please contact your Permit Administrator, Joyce Smith at joyce.smith@ecy.wa.gov, or (360) 407-6858.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeff Killelea". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" and last name "Killelea" clearly distinguishable.

Jeff Killelea, Manager
Program Development Services Section
Water Quality Program